

**REMARKS**

Claims 12-22 are pending in the application.

Appropriate headings have been added to the specification, and claims from the literal translation have been replaced by claims drafted in conformity with U.S. Patent practice.

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions, or wish to discuss the merits of the application, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and ~~listings~~, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 11: Cancelled

12. (New) A stator for an eccentric screw pump or an eccentric worm motor having a stator, comprising:

an outer tube 1 that is provided with a lining <sup>(2)</sup> of elastomeric material and has a hollow space or cavity, in the shape of a double or multiple spiral, for accommodating a rigid rotor that is also in the form of a spiral, wherein said spiral of said stator has one spiral more than does said rotor, and

an inner tube 4 disposed in said lining <sup>(2)</sup> wherein said inner tube is provided with apertures <sup>(5)</sup>.

13. (New) A stator according to claim 12, wherein at least one spacing strip <sup>(6, 6', 6")</sup> is disposed between said inner tube <sup>(4)</sup> and said outer tube <sup>(1)</sup>.

14. (New) A stator according to claim 13, wherein said at least one spacing strip <sup>(6)</sup> is disposed essentially parallel to a longitudinal axis of said stator.

15. (New) A stator according to claim 13, wherein said at least one spacing strip <sup>(6)</sup> is helically disposed about a periphery of said inner tube <sup>(4)</sup> and extends in the direction of a longitudinal axis of said inner tube.

16. (New) A stator according to claim 13, wherein said at least one spacing strip <sup>(6")</sup> essentially extends in a circumferential direction of said stator and annularly surrounds said inner tube <sup>(4)</sup>.

17. (New) A stator according to claim 13, wherein said at least one spacing strip <sup>(6)</sup>

6', 6") is made of at least one of the materials consisting of polymeric material, elastomeric material, and metal.

18. (New) A stator according to claim 12, wherein said inner tube 4 has a wavy configuration.

19. (New) A stator according to claim 12, wherein end faces of said inner tube 4 are welded to said outer tube 1.

20. (New) A stator according to claim 12, wherein said outer tube 1 and said inner tube 4 are interconnected via point-type weldings, and wherein said weldings are introduced into bores that extend through said outer tube 1.

21. (New) A stator according to claim 12, wherein said outer tube 1 is provided with apertures.

22. (New) A stator according to claim 12, wherein said inner tube 4 is provided with elevations 7 that extend outwardly in a direction toward said outer tube 1.